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PRODUCTION INCREASES IN EAST GERMANY

TOP FIRST-QUARTER QUOTA -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 109, 12 May 50

Industry

The industrial production plan for the German Democratic Republic has been fulfilled 103 percent for the first quarter of 1950. Production in people-owned industries was 41 percent higher than during the first quarter of 1949; production in privately owned and cooperative enterprises was 26 percent higher.

The individual branches of industry reported the following increases from the first quarter of 1949 to the first quarter of 1950:

	1st Qu 50 in % of 1st Qu 49
Electric power	120
Mining	108
Metallurgy	189
Machine-building	119
Electrical industry	176
Precision instrument, optical	115
Chemical	141
Construction materials	124
Wood-processing	144
Textile	157
Leather, shoe, garment	136
Cellulose, paper	140
Printing, publishing	130

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Timber cutting was reduced in order to conserve the forests, thereby lowering lumber output for the first quarter of 1950 by 15 percent compared with the same period in 1949.

For the most important products of people-owned industries, production during the first quarter of 1950, compared with the first quarter of 1949 was as follows:

	<u>Percentage</u>
Electric power	114
Gas	120
Crude brown coal	106
Brown coal briquettes	106
Copper ore	123
Pig iron	143
Crude steel	180
Rolled steel	255
Sulfuric acid	126
Phosphorus fertilizer	154
Potash salts	149
Cement	123
Asphalt roofing-board	129
Window glass	100
Artificial silk	115
Cellulose wool	173
Woven fabrics	144
Shoes, total	125
Leather shoes	131
Cellulose for textiles	137
Cellulose for paper	101
Printing and writing paper	143
Newsprint	113
Material for truck tires	203
Radio sets	249

The food-processing industry fulfilled its quota for the first quarter of 1950 by 104 percent. Following are detailed results for the first quarter of 1950 compared with the first quarter of 1949:

	<u>Percentage</u>
Flour	105
Cereals	121
Vegetable oil, refined	142
Margarine	125
Noodles, macaroni, etc.	138
Spirits	114
Cigarettes	105

More fish were caught in inland waters than in 1949, and the catch in coastal waters and at sea was 231.5 percent of the catch during the first quarter of 1949.

Agriculture

The supply of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers reached prewar levels during the first quarter of 1950. The supply of potash (raw salts and processed products) was 51 percent higher, and the supply of lime 28 percent higher than during the first quarter of 1949.

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Also, the number of animals has increased. The number of pigs was 1.5 million higher on 3 March 1950 than on 3 March 1949.

Transportation

1. Railroads: The quantity of goods transported during the first quarter of 1950 was 11.3 percent higher, and the number of daily freight-car loadings was 11.9 percent higher than during the first quarter of 1949.

2. Inland Waterways: By weight, the quantity of goods transported was 15.8 percent higher than during the first quarter of 1949, while ton-kilometers increased 10.9 percent for the same period.

3. Highway Transportation: The weight of goods transported increased 32 percent, ton-kilometers rose 12.5 percent.

Investments

The investment quota for 1950 is 2.35 billion Deutsche marks. Only 12.5 percent of this quota has been used during the first quarter of the year. This is partly due to slowness in gaining approval of investments, and partly to the fact that necessary construction materials are not furnished in time. These shortcomings must be overcome in order to carry out the planned investments.

Employment

Industrial employment in the German Democratic Republic on the whole was 6 percent higher than on 1 January 1949, while employment in the Eastern Sector of Berlin was 7.3 percent higher than on 1 March 1949. The number of employees in people-owned industries during the first quarter of 1950 was 173,000 above the number during the same period in 1949.

Retail Trade

Retail trade turnover during the first quarter of 1950 was 33 percent higher than during the same period in 1949. The value of the turnover in the Free Shops (HO) rose by 108 percent, in spite of several price reductions. Turnover in cooperatives rose 16 percent, and in private trade 21 percent.

PLAN INCREASES FOR SACHSEN ANHALT -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 110, 13 May 50

According to Werner Buschke, Minister-President of Sachsen-Anhalt, the Land's 1949 Industrial Plan was fulfilled 126 percent; grain crops increased 20 percent and oil plants 60 percent. Since a number of industries had already fulfilled their targets by the beginning of this year, it may be anticipated that the Two-Year-Plan will be completed by the summer of 1950.

The 1950 Economic Plan for Sachsen-Anhalt calls for considerable production increases in mining, electric power, and the chemical and machine-building industries; a total of 105 million Deutsche marks have been appropriated for this purpose; 58 million are designated for housing in war-damaged cities and industrial centers, and for the repair of war damage.

While in 1949 the brown coal industry of Sachsen-Anhalt was chiefly concerned with increasing its output, this year it is giving special attention to improving the quality of briquettes. The output of potash fertilizer will be increased 15 percent, and two additional mines, Bernburg-Groena and Bartensleben, which heretofore were mined for rock salt, will be exploited for potash. The German Democratic Republic's only iron pyrites mine in Elbingerode will receive 730,000 Deutsche marks for expansion of its installations, and for further research to be conducted by the Geological Institute of Sachsen-Anhalt.

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In the chemical industry, efforts are aimed primarily at increasing the production of caustic soda. The building industry will achieve increases of 13 percent for limestone, 64 percent for roast lime, 13 percent for bricks, 49 percent for window and plate glass, and 21 percent for chamotte. It is planned to exploit local raw material deposits and factory capacities to a greater extent, and to develop new production methods.

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